



Southern Shore Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA)

Gould's Minor Hockey Association (GMHA)

Tryout Process

August 30 2023

We encourage ALL players to try out at the start of the season as we will not be holding mid-season tryouts as we have done in the past.

This change is a result of numerous feedback from parents, players, and coaches over the years. It will allow us to establish our provincial teams at an earlier date this year to allow them sufficient time to practice and prep for provincials, cut down on additional tryout costs (start of the season Allstar tryouts and then mid-season Provincial team tryouts), and reduce the administration and other costs involved with running two separate sets of tryouts.

Note: The following Tryout Process is applicable to all selection-based teams

1. All players registered for tryouts prior to the established deadline will be placed on a team. The number of teams will depend on the number of registered players.
2. Each team will play a minimum of two (2) games. There will be at least one bench coach for each team and the bench coach will try their best to ensure equal ice time for each player. Please note that the bench coach will have no child trying out for an All-Star team on the bench that they are coaching.
3. Each game will be evaluated by a minimum of three independent evaluators. SSMHA-GMHA will endeavor to have evaluators who do not operate any privately owned hockey schools and they will have no children in the same division in their respective organization as the one in which they are evaluating.
4. The evaluators will each assign an overall ranking to each player following the tryouts. There are varying skill sets for forwards, defense, and goalies which will be referenced to come up with the player's overall ranking.
5. After each evaluation game, evaluation sheets will be collected by a member of the SSMHA-GMHA executive. At the conclusion of the tryout games, the evaluation sheets will be compiled and the total ranking for each child will be calculated. In the situation in which two or more children have an identical ranking, the evaluator's notes will be reviewed by the Technical Director(s) as well as the All-Star Representative(s) to make a

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decision on how to rank the players. Previous year's coaches may also be consulted for their input in this circumstance.

6. The selection process will be based on the evaluators ranking. The Head Coach of the team may also be asked for input, as outlined below.
7. The "A" or Tier 1 team will automatically comprise the eight highest-ranked forwards, five highest-ranked defense, and the highest-ranked goalie. The Head Coach of the team may be asked for their input when selecting the final forward, defense, and goaltender. These final selections must be made from the next four highest-ranked forwards, three highest-ranked defensemen, and two highest-ranked goalies.
8. Any "B", "Tier 2", or other selection based team will be decided in the same manner using the remaining highest-ranked players.
9. Player rankings for Provincial teams will be recorded but not announced until a later date, allowing those players additional time to prove themselves in practices and regular season games.
 - A. Per the above process, the evaluator rankings will determine the top 8 forward, 5 defense, and 1 goaltender. The Head Coach of the team may be asked for their input when selecting the final forward, defense, and Goaltender.
10. For U11 where the top 15 + 2 are taken, the Evaluators will select the top 13 skaters and 1 goaltender. The Head Coach of the team may be asked for their input when selecting the final 2 skaters and second Goaltender.
11. Some highest ranked players may be selected to the team before the conclusion of tryouts to give players still competing for a spot more ice time during the tryout games.
12. For U9 Selects and U18 teams, no formal tryouts will be held. In order to be eligible to try out for a minor team the player needs to be registered in minor.
13. For all tryouts, players must be members in good standing. "In good standing" means that they have no infractions for inappropriate behavior, have paid their respective general registration fees, have paid the respective tryout fees, and have no outstanding balance of funds owed from previous years with SSMHA/GMHA. Players must be in good standing prior to the deadline posted on the SSMHA/GMHA website.

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14. In the event of illness or unforeseen circumstances during tryouts, players must follow the guidelines set out in the [SSMHA-GMHA Tryout Exemption Policy](#).
15. Final team selections will be posted to the SSMHA-GMHA website. Rankings will not be posted.
16. The process for Alternate Players (APs) will be posted at a later date. This document will be updated with those details.
17. Tryout Code of Conduct

Inappropriate behavior by a player or parent on or off the ice during tryouts will not be tolerated.

Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to, deliberate attempts to injure someone, harassment or bullying of players on or off the ice, use of foul language, attempting to intimidate or negatively influence others, or acting in a threatening way to any person. Any violations may be cause for the child to be removed from participating in the tryout process and subsequent team selection.